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Don't laugh at the poor fellows who were scared half to death. They have suffered enough.

Even though the people of Bryan were only constructively in jail—or something very like it—it feels good to know they are free once more.

The sentiment of broad-minded men on both sides is that every man should vote his sentiments in the road bond election. But he can't do it if he hasn't paid his poll tax.

The poor people of China are suffering all the horrors of war, pestilence and famine, while the great Christian nations are standing by watching for a chance to grab something.

Mr. Carnegie says the world is in a transitional stage. So it is, and so it has been always since men were men. When it ceases to be so it will be a dead world.

By request The Eagle reprints the letter of Mr. John W. Hicks in opposition to the bond issue and requests all interested to read it carefully, which it seems some did not do when it was first published.

At Buda, in Hays county, a man was killed, and at Moody, in McLennan county, a man was kept in jail five days, on account of the quarantine. When human beings get scared they have little more sense than other frightened animals.

The story that Postmaster General Hitchcock had turned against Taft had no foundation. The president thinks he uses Hitchcock as a stalking horse, and it is to Hitchcock's interest for him to think so.

Some of the people of Brazos county complain of a tax rate of 50 cents on a very conservative valuation. The editor of The Eagle received this

morning his tax receipts from Brewster county. The rate in that county is 92 cents and the valuation was higher on some of the property than it could have been sold for at the time of assessment. If the kickers would investigate they would learn that there are very few counties having as low a tax rate as Brazos.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, was a close observer and his writings contain almost as much practical wisdom as do those of Benjamin Franklin. For instance, he records an observation to the effect that farmers living on good highways were contented, progressive and prosperous; while those whose homes were on bad roads were grouchy, negligent and thriftless.

Cottonseed Meal for Stock.
Feed for livestock this winter will be high and scarce because of the drought last summer and this fall. Every farmer should study the relative value of feeding stuff so that the animals may be fed economically. To feed without knowing the composition and adaptability of the food given is an expensive experiment that none can afford.

As a cheap concentrate for horses, cows, hogs and sheep in the South and Southwest cottonseed meal has many things in its favor. It is rich in protein and contains considerable fats and it is especially desirable with bulky foods such as hay, forage, hulls, etc. For dairy cows it has no superior and few equals and for work stock it has been found highly desirable.

Cottonseed meal is highly nutritious for pigs, calves, colts, lambs, etc., because it stimulates a quick and satisfactory growth of muscle, bone, tendon, hair, hoof, etc. Those who have pastures and forage crops will find cottonseed meal one of the best sources of protein with which to balance the ration.—Farm and Ranch.

Direct Legislation.

"In this country about one hundred and fifty cities, in many states, are governed under a commission plan including the initiative, referendum and recall," writes Judson C. Welliver in The Munsey Magazine. In an article, "Initiative, Referendum and Recall," he says: "The system has had thorough trial, and the conclusion is that, while corruption and robbery are reduced to a minimum, the people seldom resort to direct legislation or recall. City councils know that if they don't do what the people want, the people will do it themselves; so the councils do it, and save the people the trouble."

"In our big and populous country we are probably a long way from direct legislation in national affairs; but its widespread application in states and cities will probably have significant influence upon the national congress, tending to make it more representative of public opinion."

Cowpeas in Kansas.

We shall certainly increase our acreage of cowpeas next year. The only bad feature about them we can see is that we have not nearly enough to last through the winter. So far as we can discover they are just as good as clover or alfalfa and stock like them every bit as well. They will lend themselves much more readily to a rotation of crops than alfalfa and this will go far toward making up for the trouble of sowing them each year. Cowpeas are going to be a great thing for that part of Kansas in which alfalfa does not do well.—Topeka Mail and Breeze.

ASTORS CANCEL DANCE DATE.

New York, Jan. 23.—Col. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, who had planned to give a dinner-dance at their residence, 840 Fifth avenue, this evening as their first formal entertainment since their marriage, have cancelled the invitations for the function. It is rumored that the reception accorded to the new Mrs. Astor by the elect of New York society has not been as cordial as it might have been. In any event, Colonel and Mrs. Astor will do no entertaining here this year, as they have engaged passage to sail for Europe on Wednesday.

Colonel and Mrs. Astor expect to remain abroad until April. They will spend a part of the winter in Egypt, as Mrs. Astor is particularly anxious to make the journey up the Nile.

Campaign in Panama.

Panama, Jan. 23.—This is election year in Panama as well as in the United States and France, and a spirited campaign is already in progress. The liberals will have meetings all over the republic today to complete arrangements for the national presidential convention, to be held at Agua Dulce three weeks hence. This convention, the first of its kind ever held in Panama, will choose a presidential candidate. President Arosemena is expected to withdraw from office a week from tomorrow in order to devote his entire time to campaigning for the presidency.

Health Officer Steiner's Report on Meningitis

State Health Officer Steiner yesterday submitted to Governor Colquitt a report on the meningitis situation, an extract from which was received by telegraph and published in yesterday's Eagle. The full report follows:

"Governor O. B. Colquitt, Austin.—Dear Sir: In view of the prevalence of epidemic cerebro-spinal meningitis in the state, I have felt it advisable to submit a short report upon this disease.

"By invitation of the city of Dallas and upon request of the state board of health, Dr. A. Sophian of the Rockefeller Scientific Research Institute at New York was sent to Dallas with the view of investigating the disease and assisting the local health authorities in its management and control. I wish to make public acknowledgment of the valuable service rendered by this talented gentleman and to assure him the state of Texas will always remember him with gratitude.

"At my request, the surgeon general of the United States detailed Passed Assistant Surgeon R. H. Von Ezzdorf to service in Texas. Dr. Von Ezzdorf is a man of large experience in public health work and of recognized ability. He assisted Dr. Tabor in the fight against yellow fever in 1903 and was the representative of the federal government at the quarantine station, New York, at the time of the recent cholera invasion. He is now in this state and, in connection with the health department, is investigating the epidemic of meningitis. I trust and believe, with his assistance, I may be able to submit in the near future a report which will prove of inestimable value.

"The state board of health has not advised general quarantine. In support of this position, I beg to submit the following opinions upon epidemic meningitis from standard authorities:

"During the past fifteen years there have been localized outbreaks in many lands. In the United States during 1898-99 it prevailed in mild form in twenty-seven states. In New York, in 1904-05, there were 6755 cases with 3455 deaths. The epidemics are localized, occurring in certain regions and are rarely widespread. As a rule country districts have been more afflicted than cities. The disease seems not directly contagious and is probably not transmitted by clothing or the excretions. It is very rare to have more than one or two cases in a house and in a city epidemic the distribution of the cases is very irregular." (The Principles and Practice of Medicine, by Wm. Osler, seventeenth edition, D. Appleton & Co., 1911.)

"To this time epidemics of cerebro-spinal meningitis, without exception, have characterized themselves by being limited to very small districts." (Modern Clinical Medicine; Infectious Diseases, D. Appleton & Co., 1911.)

"Epidemics of cerebro-spinal meningitis are totally unlike epidemics of cholera, of plague, or of typhoid fever. The epidemics do not spread out from a center, as do the 'contact' or chain-like epidemics, nor are they 'explosive' like water epidemics." (Practical Treatment; Musser & Kelly, W. B. Saunders & Co., 1911.)

"I have given these opinions in order to assure your excellency that general quarantine in the present instance is unscientific and unnecessary. Our larger cities have avoided this error, but a number of our smaller towns have quarantined against infected points and some even against the world. The result has been extreme annoyance to the traveling public, heavy losses, inconvenience to railroads and the commercial interests of the state.

"I need only point to San Antonio, Austin, El Paso, Houston, Galveston and Beaumont, all of which have been open, to emphasize the needlessness of general quarantine. The state board of health has instructed the isolation and quarantine of individual cases and contacts. This, in so far as I am informed, is the only precaution, in the nature of quarantine, that has been advised, or adopted by any state in the Union or country in the world.

"I have also the pleasure of informing your excellency that general conditions throughout the state are rapidly improving. Epidemic meningitis is a cold weather disease. I look for a marked decrease in cases on return of seasonable conditions. Yours truly, [Signed] "RALPH STEINER, "State Health Officer."

Organizing Girls and Boys.

Sweetwater, Texas, Jan. 23.—R. E. Mann, United States demonstration agent for Nolan county, has organized a boys' corn club, which now has eighty-five members, and has also organized a girls' flower club, having a membership of ninety. Arrangements are being made for a county fair this year and it is the plan of the Young Men's Business League of this city to offer prizes to these clubs for the best displays made at the fair. The girls' flower club is one of the first to be organized in the United States.

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KAISER THREATENS WAR IF SOCIALISTS WIN

Berlin, Jan. 23.—Reballoting for undecided seats in the reichstag, which commenced yesterday, continued today and will be completed tomorrow. While the socialists are certain of many seats, perhaps enough to bring their representation up to a hundred, the other radical parties have lost, and the conservative-center blue-black block seems certain of continuance.

The unuttered but generally understood threat that the kaiser would attempt to involve Germany in war if the socialists were victorious has doubtless had its effect on the result. While the German social democrats stand for the immediate abolition of warfare, the immediate reduction and eventual disbandment of the army and navy, there is little doubt that if they ever gain control of the reichstag there will soon be an end of peace in Europe.

Only a "patriotic" war, it is believed, could save the monarchy in the event of a socialist victory. Thus the victory of a party standing for world peace would likely bring on one of the most desperate conflicts in history.

OPPOSE NEW WOODMEN LEVY.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—A convention of the head camp of the Modern Woodmen of America, composed of about 800 delegates representing the 1,500,000 members of the order throughout the country, met in this city today to consider and act upon the question of raising the insurance rates of the organization. The higher rates are proposed in order to conform with the so-called Mobile law, a measure agreed upon by a convention of fraternal insurance organizations held at Mobile, Ala., a year ago, which decided upon a uniform rate in order to meet the requirements of the insurance laws of many of the states.

Many of the local camps of the Woodmen have protested against the proposed increase and the opposition has gone so far as to threaten secession from the parent organization if the assessment is raised.

Hearing of Diegel Appeal.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 23.—The appeal in the case of Rodney J. Diegel, former sergeant-at-arms in the Ohio house of representatives, came up for hearing in the state supreme court today. Diegel is under sentence of imprisonment for complicity in legislative bribery.

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